

in vocational employment, interaction with the public, and a close connection with communities. Today, SARAH works with businesses throughout the region, enabling hundreds of men and women to find steady, meaningful employment and build a sense of self-esteem. SARAH's first community residence was opened in Branford in 1977. Soon more homes were added in other communities as well as residences for individuals with multiple disabilities. The organization's commitment to providing a warm, nurturing environment and personalized residential care have made it a model for other agencies in Connecticut and across the country.

Built from love and compassion, SARAH is an extraordinary organization that has and continues to have the most positive of impacts on the lives of those with disabilities and their families. Today, as they mark their 60th Anniversary, I am honored to offer my heartfelt congratulations and sincere thanks and appreciation for their invaluable contributions to our community, our state, and our nation.

**COLLIER EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Collier County Emergency Management Team. In the wake of Hurricane Irma in Collier County, the employees and volunteers of Collier County Emergency Management (EM) worked diligently to keep residents informed and safe both before and after the storm.

I applaud and thank Sheriff Rambosk, Director Summers, County Manager Leo Ochs, Deputy County Manager Nick Casalanguida, Chief Schettino, Chief Weschler, Chief Murphy, and all city and local officials for their tireless work in keeping our community safe and secure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, due to Hurricane Harvey and the severe impact it had on my district, I was unavoidably detained and unable to be in Washington for votes on September 5, 2017.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 439, and YEA on Roll Call No. 440.

RECOGNIZING PAUL MORENO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of former Texas State Representative Paul Moreno.

Mr. Moreno was born on April 28, 1931 to Avelina Ramirez and Reyes Moreno, Sr. He grew up in El Paso, TX where he attended Bowie High School and then went on to serve in the Korean War as a member of the United States Marine Corps. Eventually, he graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a BBA and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas at Austin.

At the age of 22, Paul Moreno was paralyzed in an accident and left a quadriplegic. Despite this challenge, Mr. Moreno remained in good spirits and never lost his sense of duty. In 1967, Mr. Moreno would get elected to the Texas State House of Representatives. He eventually became the longest serving Hispanic official elected in the United States after 40 years of service. During his time in office, he gained a reputation for doing what was right and became known as the "Conscience of the Texas House".

As a member of the Texas State House of Representatives, Paul Moreno served as the first chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. Moreno later worked to help establish both the El Paso Legal Assistance Society and the Paso del Norte Tejano Democrats. Mr. Moreno was a valuable member of the Texas community and a very active, accomplished member of the state house.

Paul is survived by his only daughter, Annette Moreno-Alvarado, his three granddaughters, Innette, Evette (Nathan) and Amarette, great-grandchildren, Josiah Paul Trevizo and Ariah Navette Trevizo, Brother, Freddy (Carol) Moreno, Sister, Blanche Darley and numerous beloved nieces and nephews and family members.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Paul Moreno.

**HONORING THE CENTRO DE
INFORMACIÓN 45TH ANNIVERSARY
IN BARTLETT, ILLINOIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Centro de Información in celebrating their 45th Anniversary. Since 1972, Centro de Información has been dedicated to serving our community in helping more than 15,000 Hispanic immigrants every year.

Immigrants come to America hoping for a better life, better work, and most of all, a better future. Centro de Información plays a crucial role in helping immigrants achieve these dreams.

Starting as an outreach mission of the United Methodist Church and the Catholic Archdiocese of Rockford, Centro has grown to be a valued resource within our community. With the changes in our community, Centro has grown its services and now provides bilingual advocacy, parenting skills training, community education, and youth programs.

For 45 amazing years, Centro de Información has provided vital resources to the community such as application workshops for those in search of citizenship, and services for housing and employment. Moreover, they are an official Illinois Welcoming Center for refugees, something to be proud of. They have built powerful relationships with various

organizations throughout our region, and have earned the valuable trust of people throughout Northern Illinois.

Without them, the communities of Elgin, Hanover Park, and Carpentersville would be incomplete. Social service is not just a great accomplishment but a great kindness. Our world is better for the work that Centro does.

Immigrant families travel to our neighborhoods with limited resources at their disposal, but for the past 45 years, Centro de Información has been there for them, and Centro will continue to be there for future generations of immigrants.

I honor Centro de Información as they celebrate their anniversary.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE WEST
NANTMEAL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the West Nantmeal Township Historic Commission. The individuals who make up this commission dedicate their time to the preservation of their community's past. This team ensures historic records and structures are not lost to time. They also hold monthly meetings and informative events that engage and stimulate the community's appreciation for their shared history. This engagement provides an opportunity for individuals to share their own history, which the historic commission uses to build upon the community's story, deepening everyone's understanding and appreciation for their past.

On September 23rd, this group will hold a dedication ceremony that honors the crew and pilot of a B-24 Bomber that crashed in the West Nantmeal Township during a World War II training mission.

It is because of their efforts that stories like that of the flight crew will not be lost to history.

I thank the West Nantmeal Township Historic Commission's dedication to their community's past.

**REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
RALPH CHUEY**

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Ralph B. Chuey who passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at St. Elizabeth Health Center, in Boardman, Ohio, surrounded by his loving family.

Ralph was born May 29, 1930, in Youngstown, Ohio to Andrew and Mary (Bunofsky) Chuey. He graduated from Struthers High School in 1948, and was promptly drafted into the U.S. Army, where he proudly served his country in the Panama Canal zone during the Korean conflict. Shortly thereafter, he began a 40-plus-year career driving a local delivery truck for Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake.

Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him knew that Ralph was a go-getter. Once at